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Teachers' Column.

The Teacher Should Study.

In order to be successful in any profession or undertaking there must be an untiring effort to attain to something higher. There is no spot for a resting place; no point at which we can stop and say our work is done, that we are perfect. | the time? The lawyer, having completed his course at a law school, is not yet a master of law. He has years of hard work before he is thorough in his profession.

The minister, with his course in theology completed, is not yet acquainted full with Holy Writ. He is yet a child, so to speak, in the work.

The teacher, armed with his first grade certificate, has only begun to learn, and is entirely ignorant of the foundation of successful instruction.

Without study, there is for this latter class, such a thing as becoming ignorant by experience. We often hear a he has been engaged in teaching a number of years. This is no test as to his efficiency, for the oldest teacher is yet been made to measure the amount properly guard the commercial transter to risk a young person with zeal and earnestness, and a desire to learn and improve than one with years of experience without any progress about

A live teacher will study his text books, know them from beginning to all reading as from all business, and end, and be able to answer any question that may arise during a recitation. A dead one will be continually puzzled to answer the simplest questions.

-The teachers should study not only text books, but also the method given by the best educators. We can profit from the hard and incessant work of others. We can learn from books and educational journals the best and true methods of teaching as given by our best men and women. We have the opportunity and why not take advanas much a jumble of good and bad, tage of it? With all the means before us then, if we fail it is our own fault. We can blame no one else.

. The teacher who improves himself, and does not think that he is already perfect will always be in demand.

Teaching Addition.

I have had considerable trouble in teaching simple addition to children who have first been taught in other schools. They seem determined to count on their fingers. I have had little trouble, however, in teaching numbers to little ones whom I have ture, and in all those varieties which taught from the beginning of their school-days. This is my way of teaching numbers to beginners: I first teach sympathy, and to cultivate what is them to make all the figures, I then best in one's mind and heart, the lite- tion authorize and instruct the executeach them to add from 1 to 10, ar- rature of the English-speaking nations ranging the figures in various ways, is unequaled. What we may say of and at the same time using familiar this cannot be said of the French, the objects for the counting. I often re- German, the Italian, in fact any other State purchasing agent to act for the quire them to count up their own little language or literature whatsoever. property, for example, their chickens, or other pets. After teaching them to have a literature until now, from Chauadd together readily the numbers below 12, I teach them this: If 2 and 2 make Philip; Sidney to Irving, from Jeremy business economy of the State. 4, 12 and 2 make 14, 22 and 2 make 24. Taylor to Diddon or MacLaren, the 32 and 2 make 34, and so on, reasoning all the time from their knowledge that authosing which combines all that is 2 and 2 make 4; if 4 and 4 make 8, 14 and 4 make 18, 24 and 4 make 28, 34 and 4 make 38, all the time reasoning from the fact that 4 and 4 make S. I soon a supply of choicest intellectual viands? begin to add higher numbers: thus 6 and 6 make 12, 16 and 6 make 22, 26 and 6 make 32. 7 and 7 make 14, 17 and 7 in literature, when it is so easy to be good letter, and unless I gallop as hard make 24, 27 and 7 make 34, and so on to all the higher numbers. If 8 and 8 make 16, 18 and 8 must make 26, 28 and 8 must make 36, 38 and 8 must make 46 and so on, going to a number expressed by 6 on the right each time. If 9 and 9 make 18, 19 and 9 must make 28, 29 and 9 must make 38, 39 and 9 must make 48, 49 and 9 must make 58, going each time to a number expressed by 8 on the right hand side. I have for six years pursued this method of teaching numbers, and I thing it is a success.

SARAH L. WALTERS. Leesbury, Texas.

Reading or Spelling First?

Many teachers think that the child should know the alphabet, and be able to spell before he commences reading. Others think that he should have his reader first. We would be glad if some one, an advocate of either method, would inform us through the column which is best and why. This is a question of no little importance.

Several days ago we met two gentlemen traveling in the interest of Watts & Adams' Maps of South Carolina. They are the best we have yet seen and it would be well for every teacher to have one in his school room. A good teacher can take a map and teach beginners more about geography in three months than he could with a dry text book in six. Every teacher should read. strive to have a map of South Carolina in the school.

No One Knows How "to Work Like a Beaver.

How these dams are built-whether one plans and "bosses the job," allotting the work and directing by whom and how it is to be done; or whether each works under its own direction and impulse, a common instinct giving a common result; whether they co-operate or work independently; how they begin and how they finish-is believed to driven by a surveillance too severe. The be unknown. The investigation of this interesting question is hedged about with difficulties. Beavers work only of opportunity for all that is bad and at night, accomplishing three times worst. There should be perfect frankmore during a dark rainy night than ness, and a good understanding, all under the light of a full moon. It round, in these matters, and it will seems as though with darkness came a facilitate this if some margin of freedom sense of personal security which en- be allowed in the direction of that abled them to devote every energy to more imaginative literature which it Pectoral, which helped me. Its con-

recommended by eminent physicians, and is taken with perfect safety by old end. Let the family table be supplied and young. Its cleansing and vitalizing effects are sure and speedy, and it with books which are both attractive is universally conceded to be the most and good. Let care be exercised as to effective of all blood purifiers.

Learning to Read.

[From the Standard.] Two things are necessary in learning to read; these are how to read, and what to read. The former, in various ways, receives a good deal of attention. Does the latter? In school or in the family do children or young people learn to read in a way to include all that should be meant in that familiar phrase? Elecutionists assume to teach how to read. Who teaches what to read? Is it not the truth that, in general, this is a branch of education and indeed to destroy it altogether. which is pretty much left to take care of itself, amidst chances and perils of

This matter is the more serious in view of the fact, not only, that everybody reads, but also that there is every sort of thing to be read. It would be difficult to name any species of literature, from the very good to the very bad, which may not be found somewhere in the immense outflow from the press of this marvelous age. The amount of production, in this kind, is most amazing. In no department of human industry is there statistics figures to give some idea of teacher highly recommended because the world's product in agricultare, in farmers direct, thus securing reduced not always the best. It would be bet- of literary product, either in books, in difficulty in securing goods. Other nondescript sort which defies pescription. One can scarely turn himself round without finding "something to your pew. You try to run away from the book-agent finds you on the ears. You try the privacy of home and it meets you on the door-step. You flee to the mountains and the newsboy with his daily paper follows you there. If you were to go to sea in a divingbell, we almost prophecy that a "newsstand," with its supply of papers and trashy novels, would be found at the bottom of the ocean. Is it wise for one to leave himself at the mercy of all this infinite miscellany; his mind to

worthless and worthy?

This is a matter of especial impor-

tance to young people, and it is with reference to them that we are in the main writing this article. The young person, desirous of acting rightly in this matter, may set out with one fact as a great abundance of good reading. England and America have reason to wholesomeness in every best point of needed. view. In every department of literatend to enliven one's reading, to quicken intelligence, to broaden the literary From the time when England began to centuries have been enriched by an most noble in manly and Christiancharacter. Why should a young American "fatten on garbage" with such Why consent to be emasculated in intellect and morals by poisonous trash best ?

the reading habit does almost more than anything else to formalike the mind and the character. If there be no reading habit at all, that itself is bad enough. Yet, there is even in that case a certain ground for encouragement, since in the case of such a person, should a taste for reading some day be created, there is at least a fair field for that which is good in a mind which is thus not as yet preoccupied other that it is so little in a way to be counteracted by better influences. The to the imagination, much less become interested in it. And all that does so appeal is for that reason alone reveled in. A meal of French slops is for such a one just as palatable as a wholesome English dish; Zola is as welcome as Thackeray or Irving; all that is sought is excitement, and whatever "comes to" that "net" is sure to be "fish." Besides, to be able to know and to value a good book, or to detect and detest a bad one, is a real accomplishment. In these days a person of intelligence should be ashamed not to have an intelligent estimate of what is best in the literature of his own lauguage. He should be as unwilling not to know

We are quite sure that what we are here saying will appeal to very many who are charged with the care of young people, either their own children, or those of others. The reading that comes into the family is a matter of as much consequence as almost anything else that can be named. Too much restriction must perhaps, be avoided; for nothing in this connection can well be worse than that practice of secret reading in books and papers known to be disapproved by parents or teachers, into which young people may be dishonesty of the thing is bad in itself, while such secrecy is an open door so natural for young people to love. But there are ways in which there may | believe, saved my life." Ayer's Sarsaparilla is prescribed and be judicious guidance so managed as

the kind of periodical literature which

what to read, as not to know how to

finds its way to the same table. Let it not be assumed that any kind of a secular paper is sure to be good which advocates one's own politics, nor any sort of a religious weekly sufficient which carries the denominational flag in its head-lines. Above all, shut the door against the Sunday paper. There one remedy for the enormous mischiefs coming in the train of this pernicious change in American journal ism: that is, for the families in which "the Sabbath of the Lord is a delight and honorable," to refuse all dealings with that which so surely tends to make it neither the one nor the other.

TO SECURE CO-OPERATION.

Iowa Farmers Seeking to Disperse with Middlemen.

[From the New York Times.] DES MOINES, IOWA, January 10 .- At the mass meeting of the Iowa Farmers Alliance held here to-day for the purpose of discussing the extension of the system of co-operative purchasing of supplies, which is now practiced to a limited extent in Western Iowa, various members were called upon to give experiences in local alliances, and the results of their buying and selling varied with the number of delegates. The local alliances in many parts of more of activity, or the product more the State carry on a systematic dealing immense. One may find in tables of in groceries, flour, and agricultural implements, buying of the jobbing houses or manufacturers and selling to the manufactures, in the mechanic arts. So rates. The present loose organization far as we are aware, no attempt has of the alliance makes it impossible to actions, and this sometimes leads to magazine, in newspapers, or in that dealers in goods combine and refuse to do business with houses that sell directly to farmers at wholesale, and thus cut off the profits to jobbers and retail dealers. A gentleman from Dakota read." You go to church and it lies in told about the operation of the purchasing system in that Territory. He said they had organized four years ago without capital and that it proved a failure. They then incorporated with a thirteen years after Lake went out of capital stock of \$20,000 in shares of \$10 each. They made their purchases for breaches of the bond. First, that Lake, wanted. By having a county organization the clerical work is reduced and shipments are more easily effected than through the local organization. They buy the coal direct from the mines. secures estimates on agricultural implements, and make contracts for such implements for five years for the entire Territory. They build their own wagons do their own insurance, insure their own buildings, and their own lives. become as chaotic, and his knowledge They pay 10 per cent on the capital stock, and the organization had been a success. Of late they had thought it best to make it something of a secret organization, and had found it a good thing.

Secretary Augustt Post and others thought it would be well to adopt some such plan here, though he thought the profits could not be made as in Dakota. There was a general feeling among the reliable one, namely, that there is delegates in favor of a secret work, or rather a private work in the alliance. and the pledging of all members not to divulge the proceedings to outsiders and be proud of their literature, alike for its not to tell the prices they paid for superiority simply as such, and for its goods. A thorough reorganization is The State dues will have to be raised in order to have more capital to

pay those engaged in the work. Some of the members thought this would be objectionable, but it seemed to be necessary. A committee was appointed which during the afternoon made a legateconven tion, at the earliest date possible, of one representative from each alliance, with full power to adopt a plan favoring a subordinate agencies, and the subordinate agency in reach of every local alliance. So that the farmers of Iowa will renew their efforts of fourteen years ago cer to Tennyson and Lougfellow, from to eliminate the middlemen from the

How to Write a Good Letter.

Professor A. S. Hill, in Harper's Magazine.]

A letter, whatever its faults of expression, is a good one if it makes the reader feel that the writer is speaking with the pen out of the fulness of the heart, not composing something to be When we hear that Lady Duff Gordon said, "I never could write a well read and cultured in all that is as I can, and don't stop to think, I can say nothing, so all is confused and uncorrected," we feel sure that her Then it is to be borne in mind that letters are agreeable reading. When Swift writes to Lord Bathurst, "I swear your lordship is the first person alive that made me lean on my elbow while writing to him, and by consequence this will be the worst letter I ever writ," we expect to find Swift in his correspondence. When, on the other hand, we are told that Lord Orrery, Swift's "noble biographer," made transcripts of his letters, "following regular rules of composition," 'adding chapter and verse for model, and pointing out the elegance of his own conceits," we are glad that Lord with the bad. Upon the other hand, Orrery does not write to us. When we a vitiated habit in anything else, and it read that the letters of Mr. Day-the is in this particular worse than any man who talked like his own Sandford and Merton-were written as fast as his pen could move, and nevertheless are so rhetorical as "to give the inveterate novel-reader can even fix the attention upon only that which appeals are not obliged to read them.

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Snit on Official Bond-Evidence-Statute of Limitations.

The State of South Carolina, vs. Lake et. ai. This appeal was first heard at the November term of the Supreme Court, 1887, when a reargument was ordered

upon the following questions, to wit:
"Whether the Statute of Limitations applies as a matter of defence by the defendants, principal and sureties, and especially whether it can be set up in action on bond, like that in this case. "2d. And if so, whether the conditions warranting its interposition are present, either in behalf of the principal or sureties, or both.'

This reargument was heard at the April term, 1888. The facts are these: The defendant, Lake, was elected clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Newberry County Wickers, in 1868. The defendants. Koon, &c., were his sureties. He went into office in 1868, and out of office in 1872, being succeeded by one Smith. This action was brought in 1885, nearly office. The complaint alleges various county organizations, and wagons were as clerk, received large sums of money belonging to different parties in the cases of Hill vs Thompson and Thompson vs. Thompson, which money, then in his hands officially, he did not, as required by law, from time to time report to the Court; second, that said money was not deposited in bank as required by law; third, that he failed to pay it to his successor in office acording to law; fourth, that said Lake failed and still refuses to pay over the money in question to the parties re-

spectively entitled thereto. Lake denied the material allegations of the breaches, and made defence: 1st. That the attorneys for the parties in interest prevented him by their advice from paying over the money to his successor, Smith.

2d. That the causes of action did not accrue within six years before commencement of the action. 3d. That the causes of action did not accrue within ten years before suit

4th. That there is another action pending on the same subject matter. The sureties made the same defence. Also, in addition thereto, that the plaintiff in 1868 accepted a bond from Lake as clerk, with one Crooks as surety, and thereby caused the release of the sureties on the first bond. The case was tried by the Circuit

Judge and a jury. The jury found for report recommending that this conven- the sureties; but against Lake, the principal obligor, they found for the plaintiff the penalty of the bond. Both laintiff the per sides appealed, Lake because he was held liable, and the plaintiff, because the sureties were not also included in the verdict against the principal.

The Supreme Court affirms the judgement below as to the sureties, and reverses the same as to the principal,

Opinion by Stmpson, C. J. All the Justices concur that it was not error to receive the records in the case of Hill vs Watson, Thompson vs Thompson and Smith vs Lake in evidence. The record of the Court in which Lake was a party is admissible as tending to show that the funds in his hands as clerk were never turned over to his successor. See Greenl. on

Ev. S. 527 and 538. Justice McIver also concurs in the result reached, but filed a separate Justice McGowan dissents as to the

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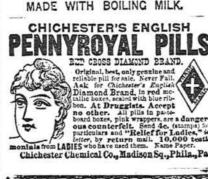


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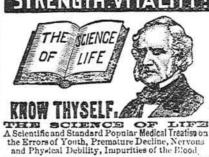
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